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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A data structure is disclosed. Such a data structure includes a thread control block and a message. The thread control block is described by a first data structure and the message is described by a second data structure. Additionally, the first data structure includes the second data structure. Thus, a data structure according to the present invention combines a thread control block structure and a message structure to provide the various benefits described herein. The first data structure may be configured, for example, to store information used to control execution of a thread, with the second data structure configured to store a message.